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A GAS FIGHT.

Application of the Wheeling Natural Gas Company for

EXTENSION OF ITS FRANCHISE

By which It Furnishes Gas for Fuel to Manufacturing Establishments Discussed at a Meeting of the Council Committee on Ordinance Last Night—The Amended Ordinance Recommended to Council Unfavorably—The Details.

Last night a meeting of the city council committee on ordinances was held in the office of the city clerk, public building, at which the following members were present: Chairman Stathers, and Messrs. Robinson, Butts, J. G. Britt, John A. Britt and Wells. The meeting drew a large audience, as the application of the Wheeling Natural Gas Company for an extension of its franchise, was considered. The Natural Gas Company of West Virginia opposed the passage of the ordinance and was represented by Mr. Andrew Hare and Councilman Wells. The Wheeling Natural Gas Company was represented by Mr. W. W. Rogers and Attorney A. J. Clarke.

The case was opened by the presentation of the ordinance desired by the Wheeling company, as follows:

Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Wheeling:

That section one (1) of said ordinance be and is hereby amended by striking out all after word "city," in line fifteen (15) of the said section, and adding the words "and to the several places of business of any other persons, firms and corporations in said city, for use and consumption at their respective places of business, but not for domestic or household consumption;" and that said section one (1), so amended, be and is hereby reordained so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. Permission is hereby granted the 'Manufacturers' Gas Company' to lay pipes in and under the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city of Wheeling, for the purpose of conducting natural gas for heating purposes to the several manufacturing establishments owned and operated by Hobbs, Brockmeyer & Co., Wheeling Iron and Nail Company, the Wheeling Pottery Company, Whitaker Iron Company, Wheeling Hinge Company, Norway Tack Company, Bodley Brothers, Ewing & Hill Lumber Company, and the Laidley Iron Works, persons, firms and corporations engaged in manufacturing in the city of Wheeling, who have associated themselves together as the 'Manufacturers' Gas Company,' AND TO THE SEVERAL MANUFACTURING PLACES OF OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING IN SAID CITY, AND TO THE SEVERAL PLACES OF BUSINESS OF ANY OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS IN SAID CITY, FOR USE AND CONSUMPTION AT THEIR RESPECTIVE PLACES OF BUSINESS, BUT NOT FOR DOMESTIC OR HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION."

Mr. Clarke presented the Wheeling company's side of the case, briefly but forcibly. He said that the company has developed a great natural gas field near Cameron, in Marshall county, and is ready to furnish fuel gas to all the manufacturing of Wheeling if they should desire to be supplied, but is prevented by a ruling secured by the board of public works from City Solicitor Boyce. The solicitor ruled that the Dillon, Wheat & Hancher Electric Company, the News Publishing Company and certain other concerns to which the Wheeling company desired to run supply pipes, did not come within the provisions of the ordinance under which the company operates in this city. For this reason the amended ordinance is desired. The portion printed in "caps" is the amended part, and extends the privileges of the Wheeling company so as to include all manufacturers and business houses, whether members of the company or not.

Mr. Hare presented the side of the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia, which claims that the passage of such an ordinance or franchise would cut into its business to which it is justly entitled, said the speaker, by the benefits which the city has received in free gas in the past.

The discussion became quite exciting and nearly every member of the committee took part. One member of the committee did not understand how the solicitor and board of public works had ruled against the company supplying the electric light plant and newspaper, as he thought they came under the head of manufacturers. Another case cited was that of the Atlantic Tea Company which roasts coffee. It was the general opinion that this concern is a manufacturing establishment, but when Mr. Thompson, of the board of public works, asked how the board would act should the gas company desire to furnish gas to a housewife who roasts her own coffee, this caused a general smile and Mr. Britt (Thomas G.) actually gave vent to an old fashioned guffaw. These city fathers occasionally appreciate a joke, you know.

Finally a motion was made that the ordinance be sent back to council with a recommendation for its passage. This went through by the following very close vote, Chairman Stathers not voting:

Ayes—Wells, Thomas G. Britt, Butts, No—J. A. Britt, Robinson.

Mr. Rogers says the gas company will continue its contest for increased privileges at the meeting of council next Tuesday evening.

The ordinance committee did not take up the matter of a safety gate at the corner of Forty-third and McColloch streets, on the line of the Baltimore & Ohio road.

Clerk O'Brien, of the ordinance committee, next read the communication from the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly, asking council to place the city establishments, including the gas works, water works and electric light plant on an eight-hour basis. Mr. Butts thought the matter had better remain without action, and gave as his principal reason the fact that already the gas works, water works and electric light plant are running on an eight-hour basis. In addition to the revenues derived from the sale of gas. If the works should be placed on an eight-hour basis it would require the doubling of expense for labor, as two "turns" would be required. Mr. Robinson suggested that the matter remain unacted upon until after the special city charter election next month. If the charter fails of passage it can be taken up again, and if the charter passes a cure will be effected. This met with the approval of the committee.

The report of the joint committees on railroads and ordinances regarding the rate at which railroad trains shall be allowed to run within the city limits, fifteen miles an hour, was allowed to remain on the table.

The application of the Wheeling Naphtha Yacht Company for an ordinance granting it the privilege of running a yacht ferry between the foot of Twelfth street, city side, and foot of Pink street, island side, was rejected after a short discussion, in the course of which it was brought out that the company does not pay any city taxes. This furnished Mr. Robinson a text for a few remarks on the loose method of assessing now in vogue in Wheeling. Under the present system, said Mr. Robinson, the assessors do as little work as possible, and have been known to copy off the previous year's assessments without even making the changes and revisions of the board of equalization and appeals. He knew of taxpayers who had appeared before the board two and three years in succession for the purpose of having the same error corrected.

The produce merchants of the city petitioned the committee to frame an ordinance for the licensing of transient vendors of produce \$100 a year and those who are regularly and permanently engaged in business \$25 a year. The committee decided to construct an ordinance making the license for both transient and regular vendors the same amount.

Chairman Stathers brought up an im-

portant subject, the revision of the city's health ordinance, which is advocated by Health Officer Jepson, as well as by all who are acquainted with the present workings of the health department. Dr. Stathers favored the appointment of a sub-committee of two or three persons, who, together with the health officer and city solicitor, should revise the ordinance for presentation to the committee and then to council. Finally it was recommended to council that that body appoint a sub-committee or order a sub-committee of the health committee with the health officer and city solicitor to make the revision which will be a work of great importance and considerable labor.

IN THE OIL FIELDS.

The Slump in Oil was a Surprise—Late Southwest Developments.

The slump in the credit balance market from \$1.20 to \$1.17 was something of a surprise to those who have been talking \$1.10 oil. The success operators have been having of late in nearly all fields is pretty conclusive evidence that there is no immediate prospect of the supply of crude being exhausted. The general good luck in all fields for the present month has been most marked, says "D. S. W."

The most important strike reported from the lower southwest and is the property of the Fisher Oil Company, located on the Foster farm, on Little Buffalo creek, a tributary of Middle Island creek and one and a half miles north of the producing wells on the Archer farm. The oil was developed in the Keener sand and in a sufficient quantity to indicate that the well will make a good producer.

At Hebron, Ramey & Company have drilled their No. 3 on the O'Dell farm, and have promising two hundred barrel producer.

The Trent & Crawford well, a late strike on the E. Clutter farm, is holding up at two hundred and forty barrels a day.

The production of the Hebron pool is now ahead of the Benwood pool, in Monroe county. The production of eight of the larger wells in the Big Injun sand development, near Hebron, is more than 1,000 barrels a day.

In the Big Flat district, Doddridge county, Murphy, Jennings & Company have drilled in their No. 6 on the Hardman tract, and have a forty-barrel producer.

On McElroy creek, southwest of the Kyle pool, the South Penn Oil Company has completed No. 8, Seckman, and has a producer good for two hundred barrels a day.

In the Hendershot district, Wood county, Hochstetter & Tennant have drilled in a well on the J. W. Goodwin farm, that is reported showing for one hundred barrels a day from the Berea grit. The well is located almost a mile south and east of the original well on the Hendershot farm. The rock in which the oil was developed is said to differ from that in any other Berea development in Wood county. The new well got a quantity of pebbles in the sand and the oil is several shades lighter in color and gravity than in any of the other wells.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Of the A. O. U. W., Celebrated by Welcome Lodge Last Night.

The twentieth anniversary of the Ancient Order of United Workmen was celebrated last night in a very pleasing manner by the members and friends of Welcome Lodge No. 6, at the lodge rooms, corner Twelfth and Market streets. Over one hundred guests were present and the evening was spent in a highly enjoyable manner.

A meeting of the lodge was held and at its conclusion the room was thrown open to the invited guests. A jolly social time ensued and addresses of an appropriate kind were made by Messrs. W. O. McCluskey, and S. A. Kepner. Lieutenant Clemens, of the police office, sang several songs and a number of instrumental solos were rendered by the members of sister lodges.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, the guests were invited upstairs to the banquet hall, where a fine spread was awaiting them. Two long tables were arranged, accommodating over one hundred guests, and a report was discussed by all fortunate enough to be present. After refreshing the inner man, the gentlemen retired down stairs, where several hours were whiled away in games and various social diversions.

The committee having the affair in charge was composed of Messrs. Robert Frazier, chairman; Lawrence Zarantiz, Joseph N. Weidner, S. A. Kepner, and Jacob Youngmeyer. The supper was gotten up by the members of the committee, assisted by members of sister lodges. Welcome lodge is noted for its hospitality; affairs of a like nature will be repeated twice each month hereafter.

Republican Escort Club.

A meeting of the Republican Escort club was called in the second branch council chamber by President Painter, last night. The object of the meeting was to form a permanent organization, which was accomplished by the election of the following officers: President, G. E. Painter; vice president, Morris Horkheimer; S. M. Brubaker, Augustus Pollock; William D. Johnson, Dr. Aschman; secretary, C. D. Howe; treasurer, C. Wagner; financial secretary, H. B. Drabell.

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SCHULER—On Wednesday morning, November 18, 1896, JOSEPH SCHULER, Jr., aged 41 years. Funeral from the residence of his mother, No. 122 Fifteenth street, on Friday morning at 8 o'clock. Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 8:30 o'clock. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

WOLF—Near Short Creek, Ohio, on Thursday, November 19, 1896, MRS. MRS. FRIDERICKE WOLF, relict of the late Christian Wolf, of West Wheeling, Ohio, aged 24 years, 8 months and 3 days.

Funeral notice to-morrow. COTTS—On Thursday, November 19, 1896, at 10:15 a. m., MRS. SUSAN E., relict of the late Isaac Cotts, in her 84th year. Funeral notice hereafter.

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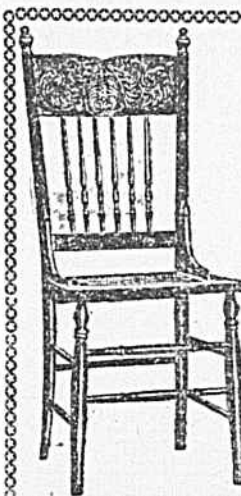
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